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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
 THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
 SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--February 1983

I. GENERAL

Jordan Bureau welcomed an unusual number and variety of visitors during February. The first day of the month brought the newly assigned correspondent of the Voice of America, [redacted] to the Bureau for an introductory briefing by the chief and the chief monitor. Since [redacted] is the first VOA correspondent to be assigned to set up a permanent office in Amman, he took advantage of his visit to review the files of FBIS' recent recruiting effort and selected the names of a few prospective candidates for his own staff. The following week a five-man team of auditors, who are conducting an inspection of the Embassy's Joint Administrative Office, came to the Bureau for a briefing on FBIS. The audit team is in town until mid-March. The latter half of the month brought some familiar faces. Nicosia Bureau deputy chief and London Bureau senior editor [redacted] and [redacted] London Bureau associate editor [redacted] and former associate editor [redacted] all arrived in Amman on private travel and spent a day at the Bureau. Finally, on the last day of the month, regional engineer [redacted] arrived for a brief familiarization and inspection visit.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. On 7 February the Iranians launched a new offensive against Iraq in the Ash-Shib region. However, the Iraqis "succeeded in checking the enemy and in containing and completely destroying its offensive," according to the Bureau's initial report on the new offensive, which was monitored from Baghdad Voice of the Masses at 0629 GMT. Jordan and Gulf Bureaus later received an admin from the Wire praising the bureaus for their prompt reporting and noting that it enabled "late items" to be written for "very high-level consumer publications."

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2. Effective 16 February the Bureau placed Jerusalem Arabic 0530 and 1130 GMT newscasts and Jerusalem Arabic 1730 GMT television on experimental coverage to determine whether it would be worthwhile to add any or all of these programs to our regular Jerusalem Arabic coverage.

B. Lateral Services

1. American Embassy Amman, which is already receiving a very large volume of FBIS material, asked to begin receiving all processed items from Moscow's Arabic-language broadcasts--both Moscow Radio and Radio Peace and Progress. The Bureau passed the request on [redacted] to London Bureau.

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2. The political statement issued at the end of the 16th session of the Palestine National Council, held in Algiers, was of particular interest to the Embassy in Amman in light of Administration efforts to draw King Husayn into the current peace process. The several takes of material filed by London Bureau from Algiers Radio, followed by comparison FYIs to provide the full, official text, were well received by the Embassy. The Bureau provided extra copies to Embassy consumers as needed.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Building and Grounds

With the delivery of a new desk and chair, Deputy Chief [redacted] was finally able to move into her new, private office during February. For now, at least, the office is an especially quiet place to work; installation of the telephone extension is still some weeks away.

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Chief, Jordan Bureau

Attachment: Production Report

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JORDAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MARCH 1983

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	197,730
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	91,870
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	657

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	5670	19455	67

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

BAHRAIN			
MANAMA NAKH IN ARABIC		0	
CLANDESTINE (IRAN AND IRAQ) (CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN ARABIC		0	
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN ARABIC		0	
FRANCE			
PARIS RADIO MONTE CARLO IN ARABIC	9130		
PARIS AL-MUSTAQBAL IN ARABIC			80
PARIS AL-NATHAN AL-FARABI IN ARABIC			3820
IRAQ			
BAGHDAD CORNER OF ARAB EGYPT IN ARABIC	720		
BAGHDAD VOICE OF THE MASSSES IN ARABIC	1250		
BAGHDAD VOICE OF PLO IN ARABIC	13950		
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	12100		
BAGHDAD INN IN ARABIC		21200	
BAGHDAD INN IN ENGLISH		1270	
BAGHDAD AL-JUMHURIYAH IN ARABIC			0
BAGHDAD ATH-THAWRAH IN ARABIC			360
ISRAEL			
JERUSALEM IN ARABIC TO THE ARAB WORLD	9000		
JERUSALEM DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	920		
JERUSALEM AL-FAJR IN ARABIC			400
JERUSALEM AL-NITHAW IN ARABIC			0
JERUSALEM AL-QUDS IN ARABIC			410
JERUSALEM ASH-SHA'B IN ARABIC			760
JERUSALEM AT-TALI'AH IN ARABIC			0
JORDAN			
AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	21940		
AMMAN DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	4530		
AMMAN DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN ENGLISH	3670		
AMMAN DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN HEBREW	1290		
AMMAN PETRA-JNA IN ARABIC		1240	
AMMAN AD-DUSTUR IN ARABIC			2090
AMMAN AKHDAR AL-USBU' IN ARABIC			770
AMMAN AR-RAY'Y IN ARABIC			5640
AMMAN SAHT ASH-SHA'B IN ARABIC			900
AMMAN JERUSALEM STAR IN ENGLISH			650
AMMAN JORDAN TIMES IN ENGLISH			6440
SUDAN			
KHARTOUM SUNH IN ARABIC		15630	
KHARTOUM SUNH IN ENGLISH		2550	
SYRIA			
DAMASCUS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	38960		
DAMASCUS DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	2540		
DAMASCUS SAH IN ARABIC		11240	
UNITED KINGDOM			
LONDON REUTERS IN ENGLISH		2190	